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Special Issue:
Trigun Pilot
TRI GUN

This chapter was published in the tenth anniversary issue of Shounen Captain magazine, before Trigun had become a regular series.
It got a very fierce reception by the editorial department for it's post-Hiroshima environment and it's memorable main character. His abilities as a gunman were uncanny, but he would avoid trouble at all costs, which usually turned into something rather comical. Or that's how I meant it(!)
I gathered my courage and went to talk to them, they were willing to pay me for "two years worth of food." (laughs)
Lots of stuff happened back then that I still can't forget, and all those were the start of Trigun.

How will you feel about this slightly different Vash?

Yasuhiro Nightow
1996

WE FELL ON THIS PLANET FROM THE SILENT SKY, JUST LIKE RAIN AND DEW IN THE MORNING.

NOW WE ARE ONLY WAITING FOR THIS BARREN PLANET TO DRY UP COMPLETELY.

UNDER THIS HUGE PARASOL, WE ARE AWARE THAT OUR FUTURE IS UNCERTAIN.

ON THIS DRY PLANET, WE WAIT FOR THE WIND TO CARRY GOOD NEWS.

THE GOVERNMENT IS ASKING HELP FROM ALL BOUNTY HUNTERS IN THE SEARCH FOR VASH THE STAMPEDE, WHO...

SFX: <WHOOOOOOOOSSHHHH>

HAVING CAUSED MASS DESTRUCTION IS BEING CHASED BY THE INTERNAL INVESTIGATION FORCES.

THERE ARE THREE THINGS IN THIS WORLD I CAN'T FORGIVE...

SFX: <WHOOOSH>

SFX: <CREAK>

AND... PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW BETTER NOT TO...

SCORPION-SHAPED THINGS...

PUTTING ICE IN BOOZE...

A GIRL WHO LIKES TO PLAY CARDS IS ONE OF THEM. WE HEARD IT ALL FROM THEM, COUNT BOSTALK!

WE'VE GOT 5 CUST-OMERS AS HOSTAGES HERE...

WE CAN ALWAYS USE THEM AS COVER FOR OUR GETAWAY!

CAUSE TROUBLE IN MY JURIS-DICTION!

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

WHEN WE GET AWAY, WE'LL GIVE YOUR DAUGHTER BACK TO YOU... AND DON'T SEND ANYONE HERE OR SHE'S VULTURE FOOD!

IF THE RUMOUR STARTS SPREADING THAT YOU WERE A VICIOUS KILLER...

DON'T GIVE ME SUCH A FACE!

OUR RANSOM DEMANDS ARE AN ESCAPE WAGON AND 40,000 DOUBLE DOLLARS!

JUST CON-CENTRATE ON GETTING MY DAUGHTER SAFELY OUTTA THERE!

YOU TALK WAY TOO MUCH, SHERIFF!

YOU HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE ON THAT, EH, BOSTALK THE REAPER?

WHAT THE!?

DON'T YOU GO GIVING ME ORDERS.

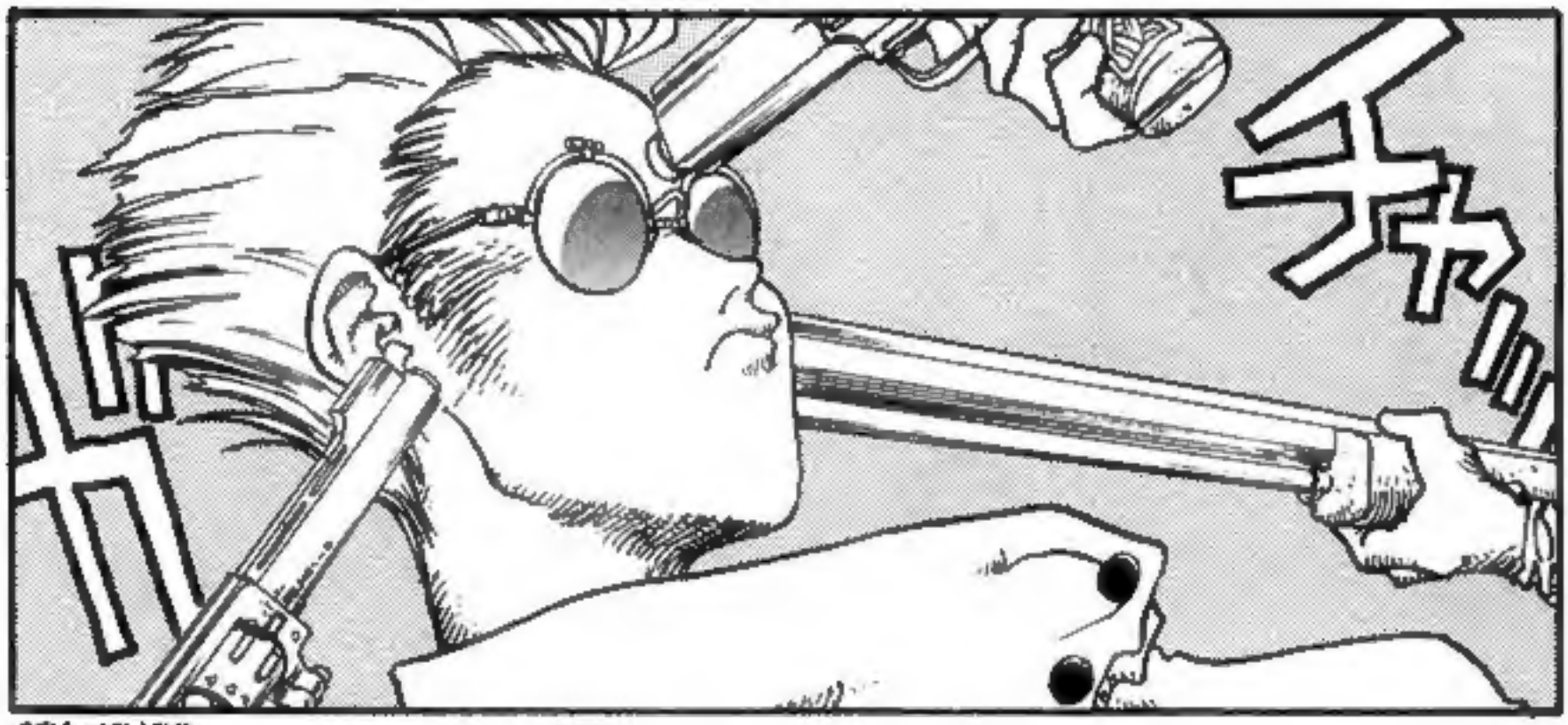
I DON'T CARE IF SOMEONE ELSE GETS KILLED...

DON'T FORGET WHAT'S IMPOR-TANT!

SFX: <CLICK>

WHO THE HELL IS THAT!?
WH...
THAT GUY'S A PSYCHO!!
THAT PLACE IS FULL OF BANDITS!!
IT'S DANGEROUS OUT THERE, COME BACK YOU IDIOT!
BLAM!
THEY STARTED SHOOTING ...
AH,
HE'S IN DEEP SHIT NOW.
HE'S SO CONCENTRATED IN HIS MUSIC THAT HE CAN'T HEAR YOU.

SFX: <BANG!>



SFX: <CLICK>

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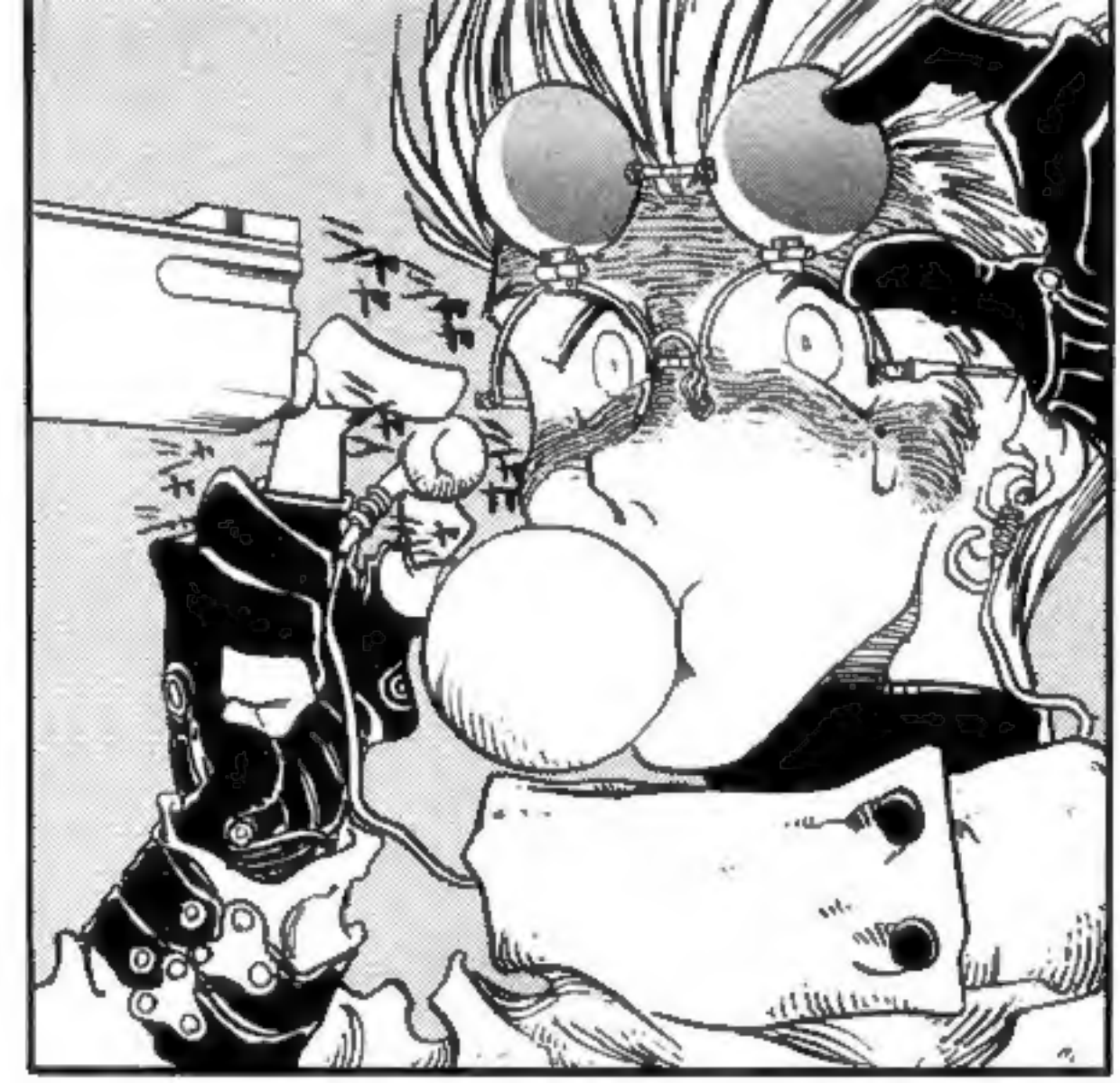

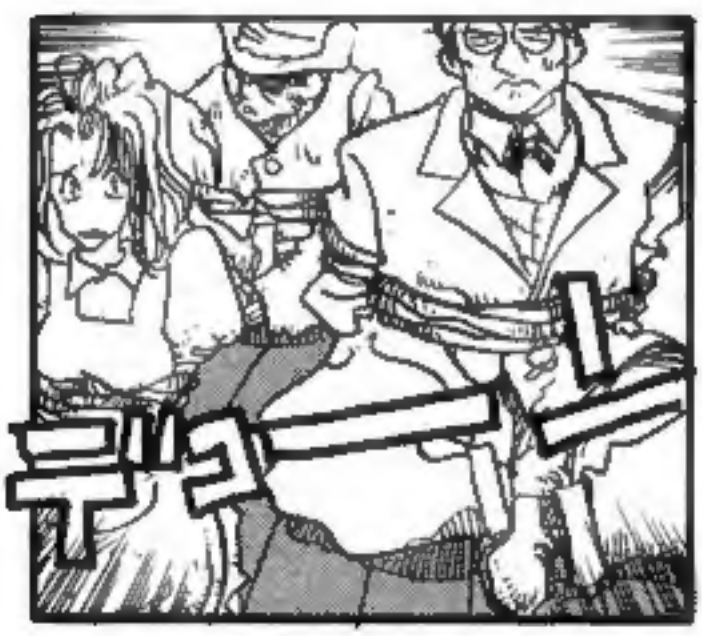

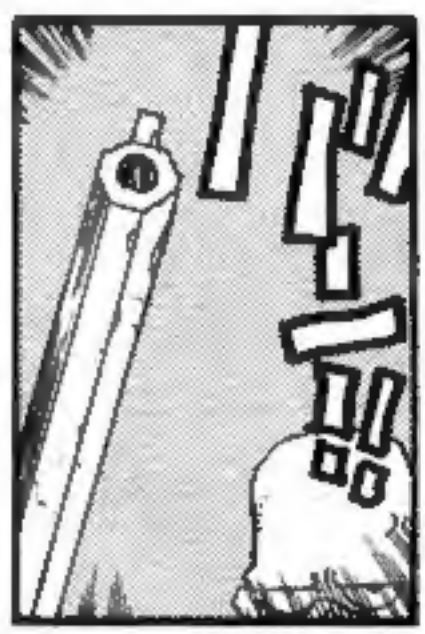

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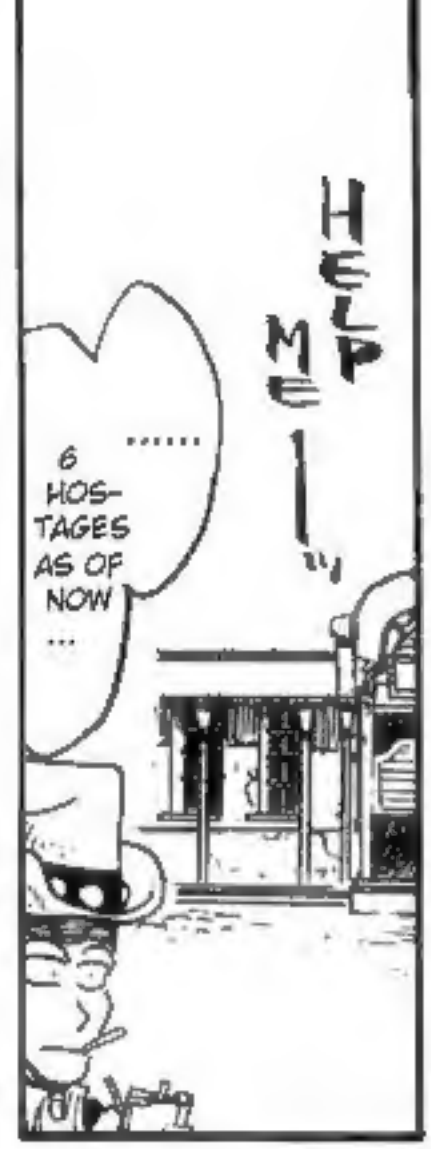
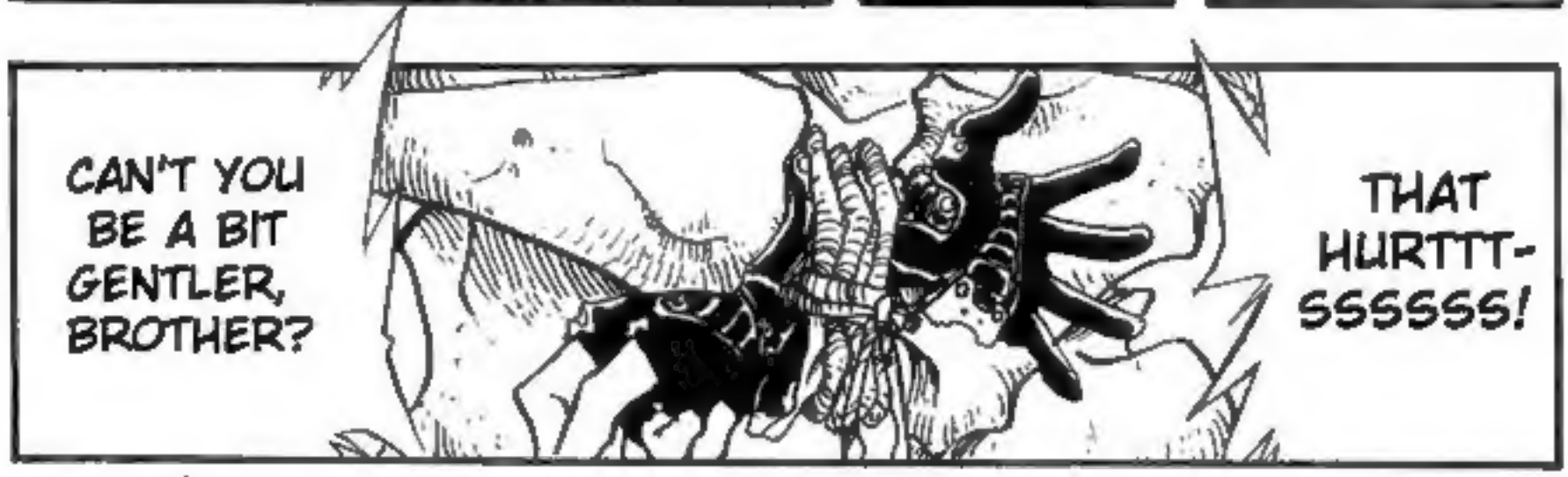




HEY... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
EEK!
EEK!
EEK!
EEK!
THIS IS NOT HOW YOU TREAT A LADY!
WHAT UN-CONSIDERATE GUYS YOU ARE!
Now quit it!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO STOP SQUIR-MING!?

IF WE WERE, WE WOULDN'T BOTHER TAKING OVER A SMALL BAR LIKE THIS.

THEY'RE AFTER MY FAMILY'S MONEY.

THESE GUYS...

SHE'S A WARNING EXAMPLE!

THIS WOMAN IS DIFFERENT!

Oh good grief!!

BECAUSE I WASN'T PREPARED ...

I AM VERY SORRY, MILADY ...

WELL... WHICHEVER IT MAY BE...

YOU WON'T GET NOTHING, SAVE FOR MONEY, FROM MY PAPA!

THEN,

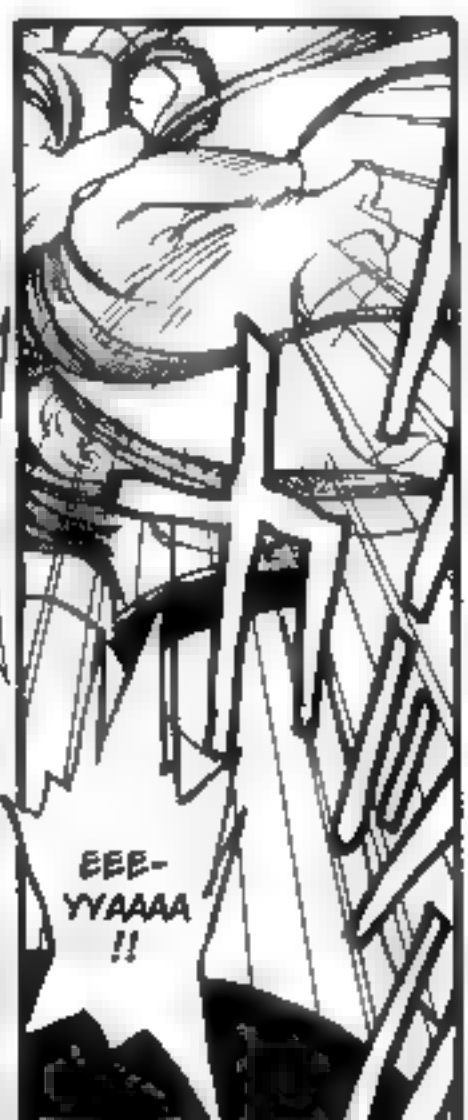
YOU MUST WANT THEIR HOUSE!

ARE YOU REALLY AN IDIOT!?

IF THAT'S HOW IT IS...

IF YOU DON'T NEED THEIR MONEY ...

BANDIT: <GRRAAAAAAAGH!>



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CALM DOWN, JEAN!

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

CALM DOWN!

C-CAN'T WE...

CAN'T WE JUST LIVE IN PEACE, GUYS?

CA-CLONG

NEXT TIME, THE ONE HOLDING THE GUN MIGHT BE ME.

AND YOU WILL STAY QUIET FROM NOW ON.

?

I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY!

DON'T DO THAT, YOU FOOL!

YOU!?

SFX. <BASH, SMASH, ETC>

GUM!?

...?

.....

COULDN'T HAVE BEEN.

.....

YOU'RE GONNA USE THESE GUYS!?

...WONDER IF IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

THEY'D KILL THEIR OWN PARENTS IF YOU PAID THEM ENOUGH. AREN'T THEY A LOVELY BUNCH?

THEY ARE THE MOST SUITABLE FOR THIS KIND OF THING.

BECAUSE THEY HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO RESPECT FOR LIFE.

AREN'T THEY THE GREATEST !?

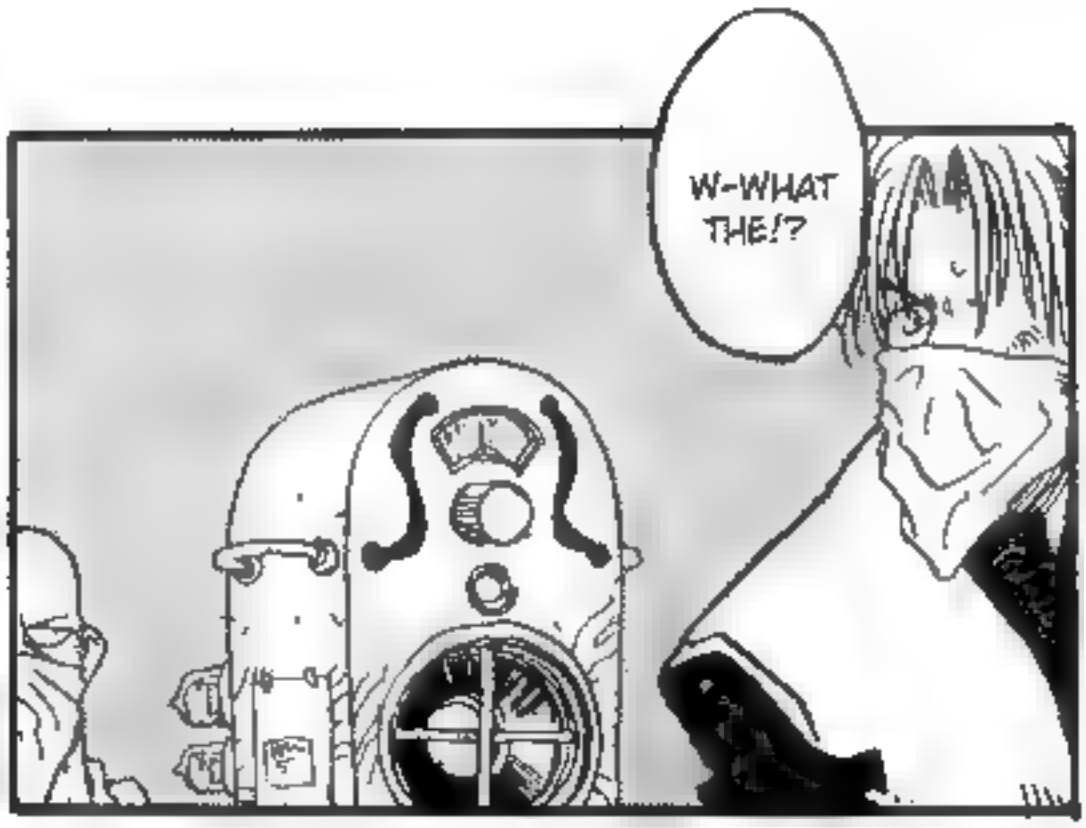
THEY DO NEED SOME KIND OF FEE...

IF YOU DON'T PAY, YOUR DAUGHTER WILL BE AS SAFE AS A COCKROACH IN A STAMPEDE.

WELL, THEN ...

LET'S START THIS PARTY.

HEY, BOSS!
WHAT'S UP?
SOMETHING ON THE SATELLITE?

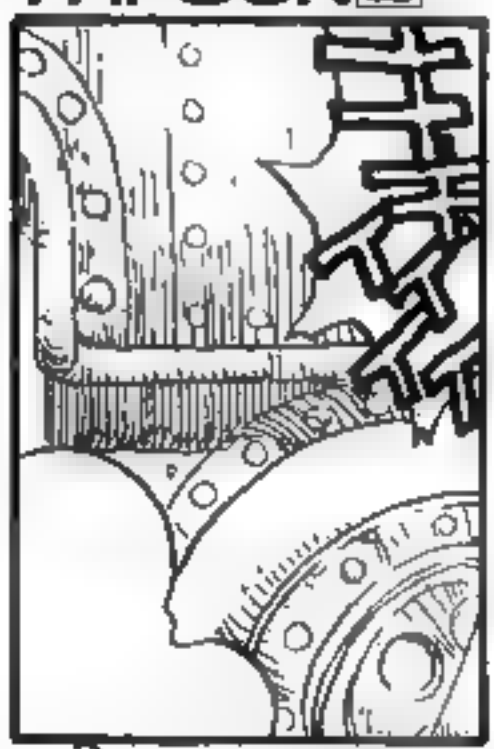

W-WHAT THE!?

IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S COMING TO THIS TOWN!!
THAT HUMANOID TYPHOON ...
VASH THE STAMPEDE IS...
V-V-

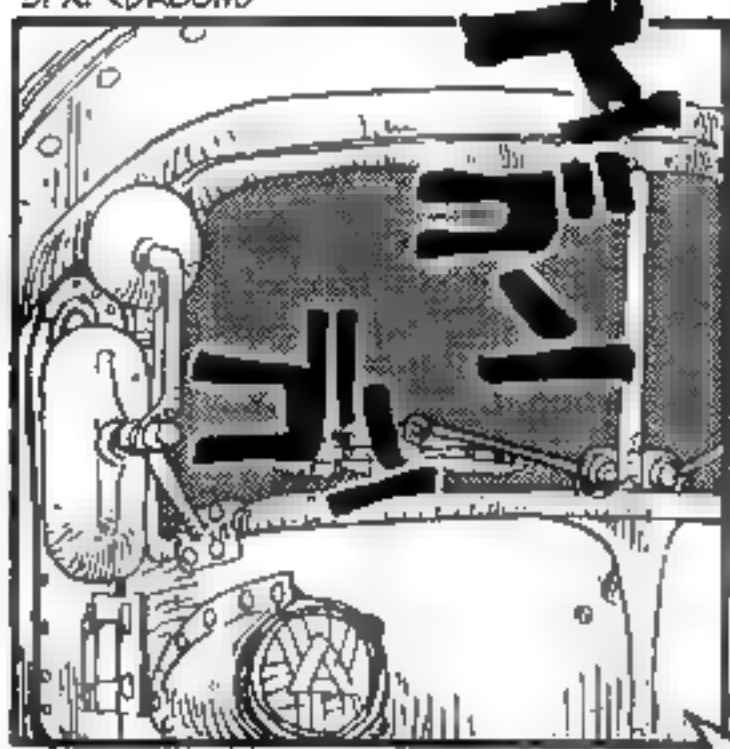
SOME-THING'S COMING !!
!!
YOU STAY STILL!

ISN'T IT ABOUT "TIME".
NOW, NOW, DON'T PANIC!

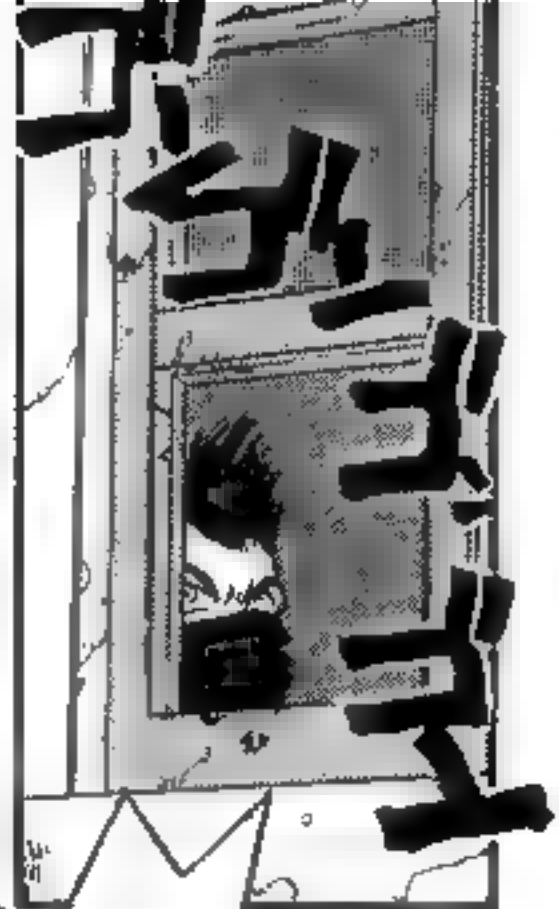
I-IF BIG MAN BOSTALK AND THE SHERIFF HAVE HIRED HIM...
WE'RE ALL GONNA GET KILLED!



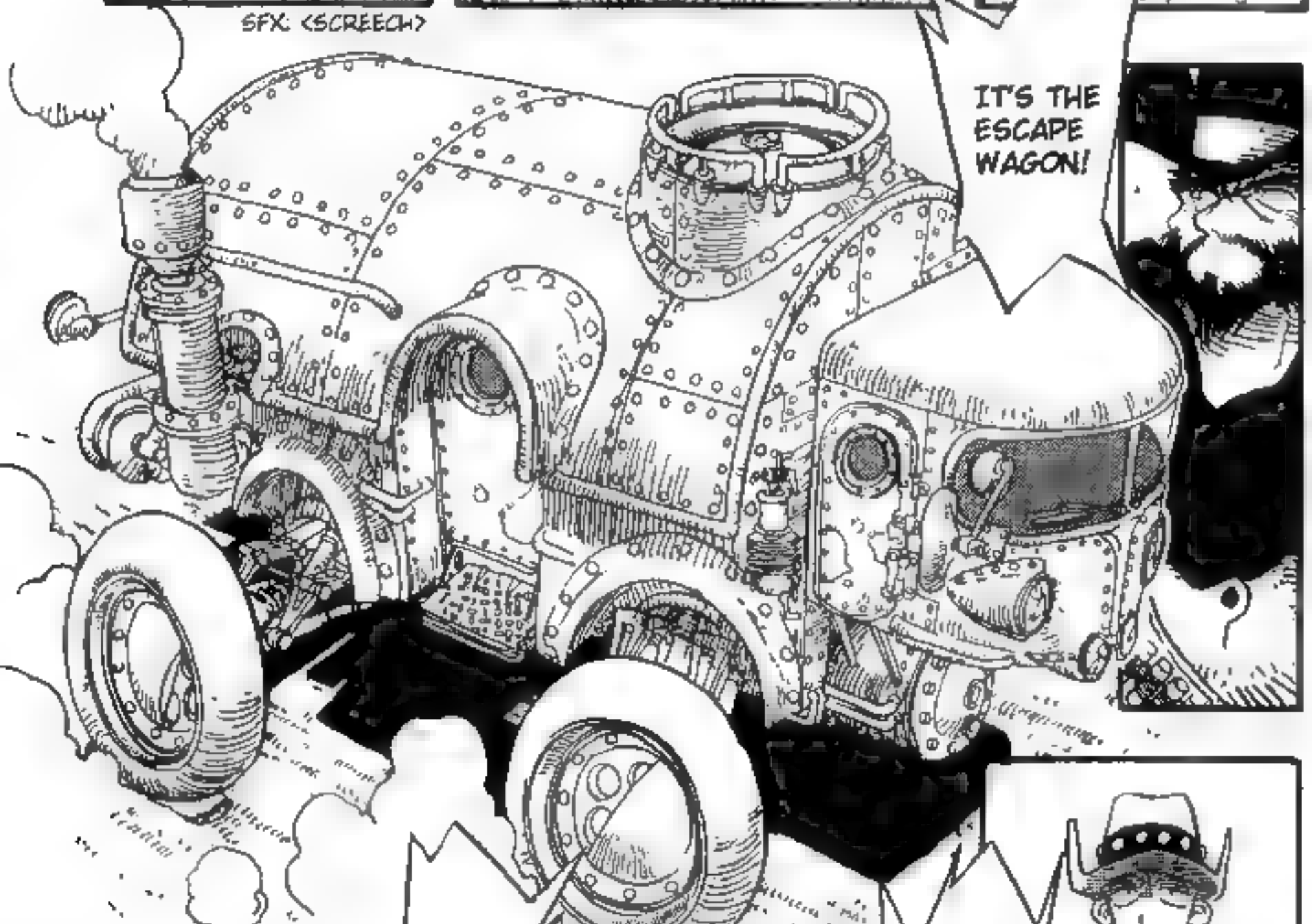
SFX: <SCREECH>



SFX: <BROOM>

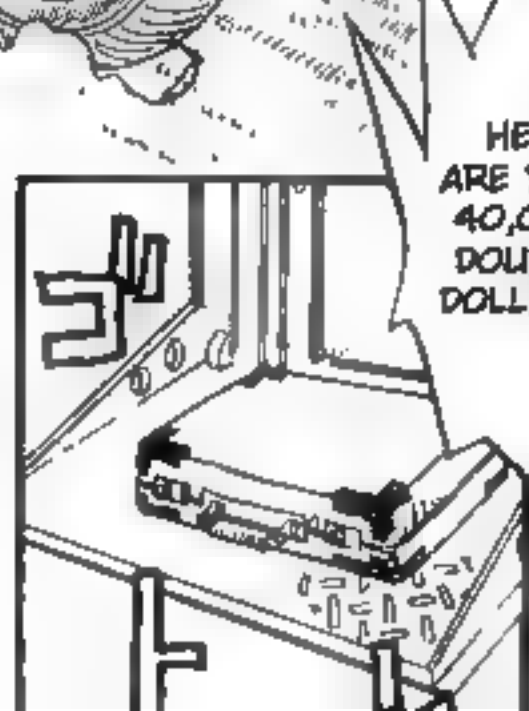


IT'S THE ESCAPE WAGON!

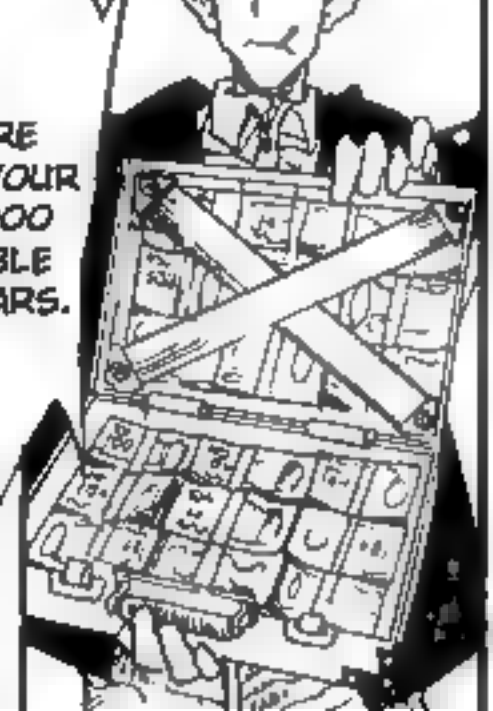


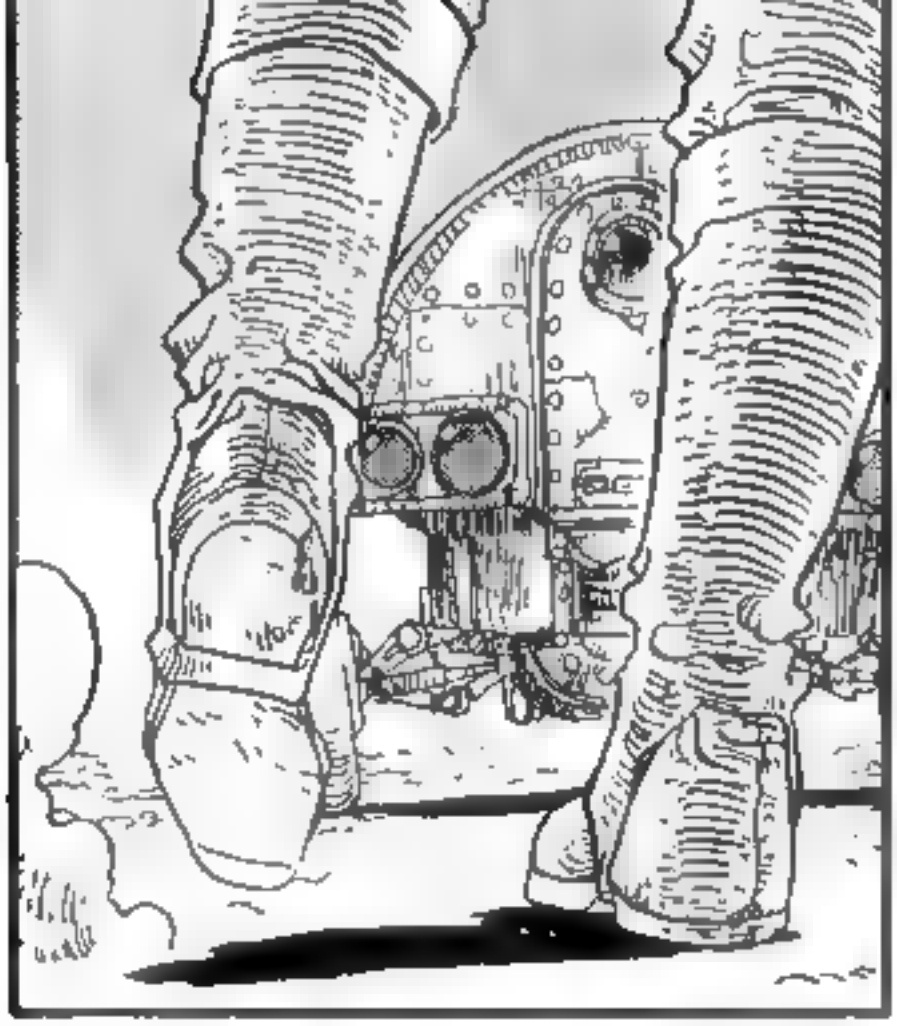
NOW RELEASE THE HOSTAGES!

EVERY-THING IS IN PLACE!

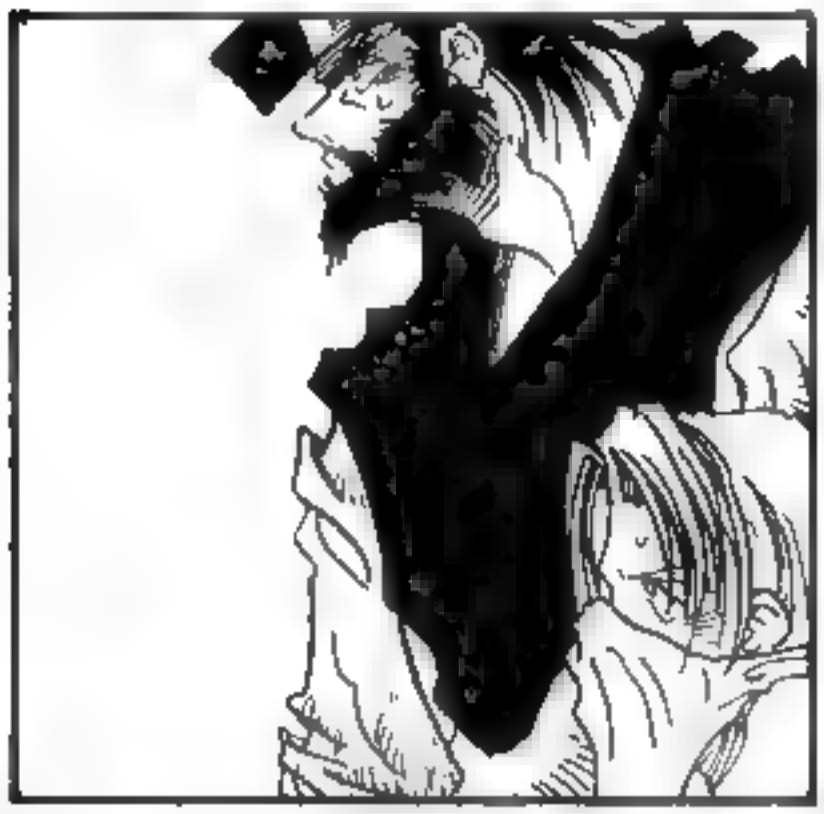


HERE ARE YOUR 40,000 DOUBLE DOLLARS.





BE CARE-FUL.
I'LL GO.
NOT YET! WE'LL CHECK THE CAR AND THE CASH FIRST!
DON'T TRY ANY-THING, NOW!



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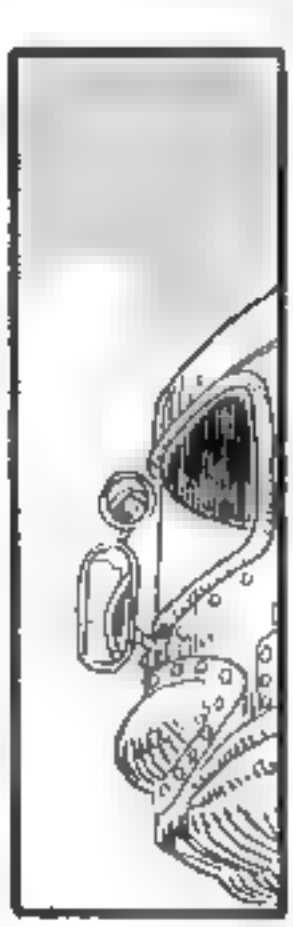
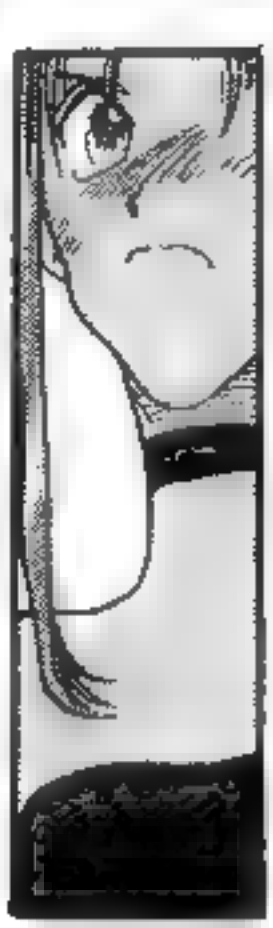
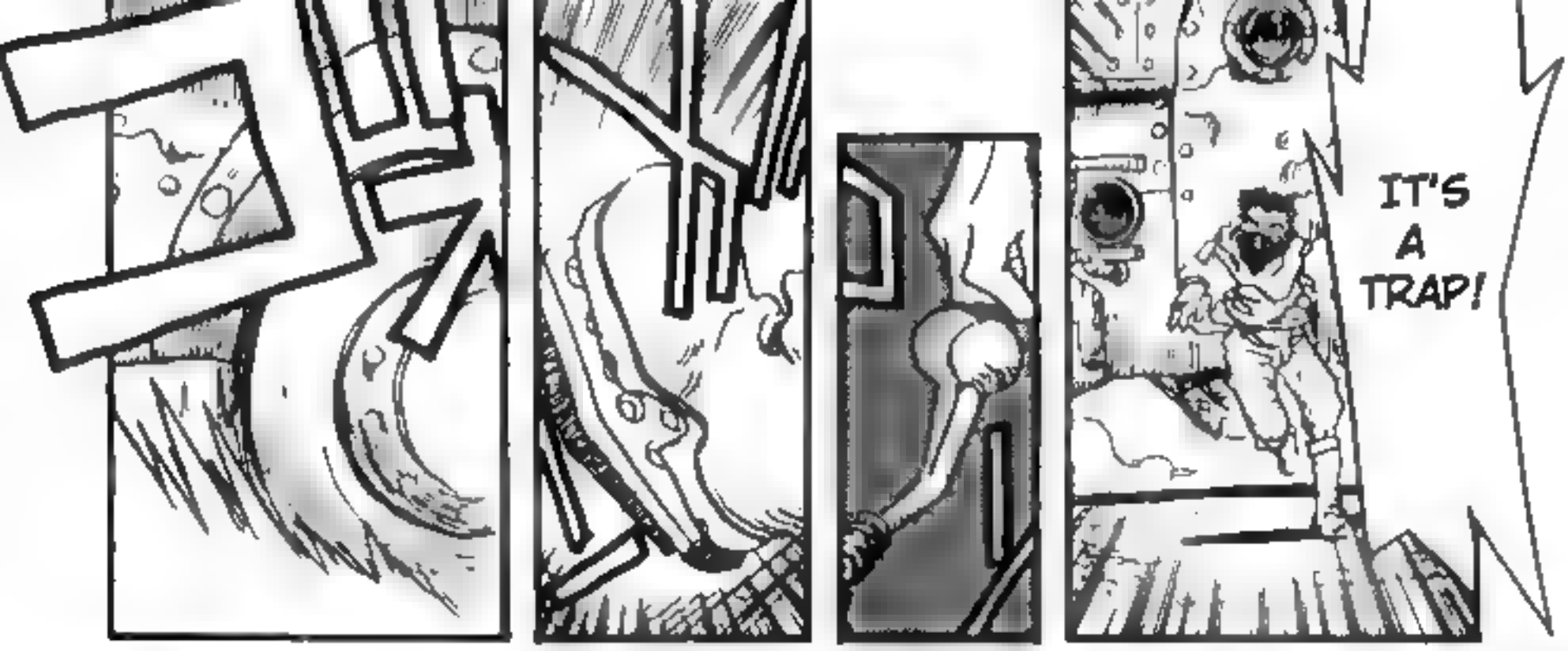




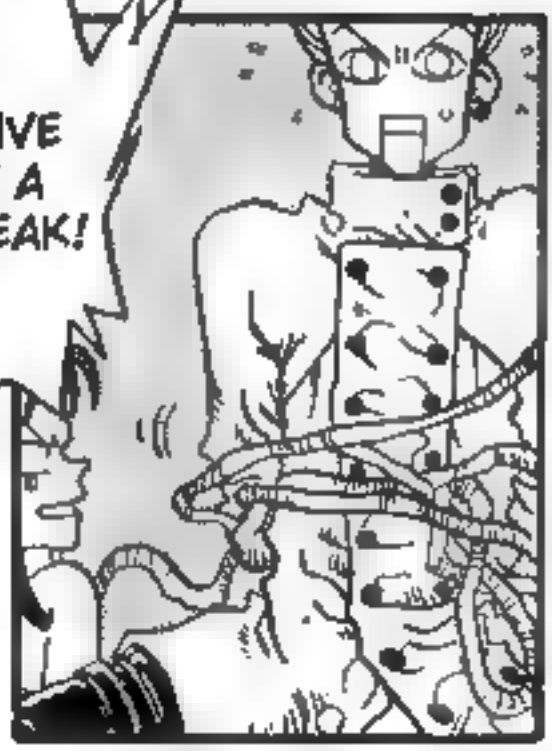

IT'S A TRAP!

GOD DAMNIT !!
MAR-VIN!

SFX: <EEEEYAAAAAH!>

!!
YOU OK?
YES ...
Y-
HEY, YOU TWO!
SFX. <EEEEYAAAAAHH!>

IF YOU GOT FREE YOU COULD HAVE DONE IT ANYTIME.
WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU THINKING !?
WHO ON EARTH ARE YOU!?


GIVE IT A BREAK!

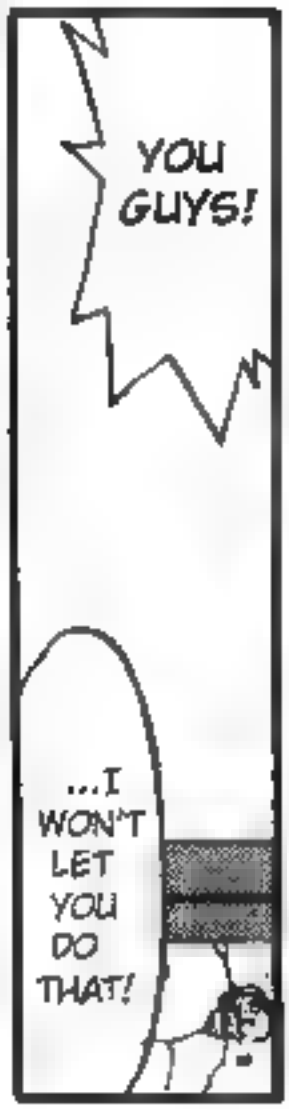
WE HAVE PER-MISSION FROM THE AUTHOR-ITIES TO BLOW IT OFF!
HEY, BANDIT BOSS! SHOW YER HEAD!

.....
SO YOU ARE ...

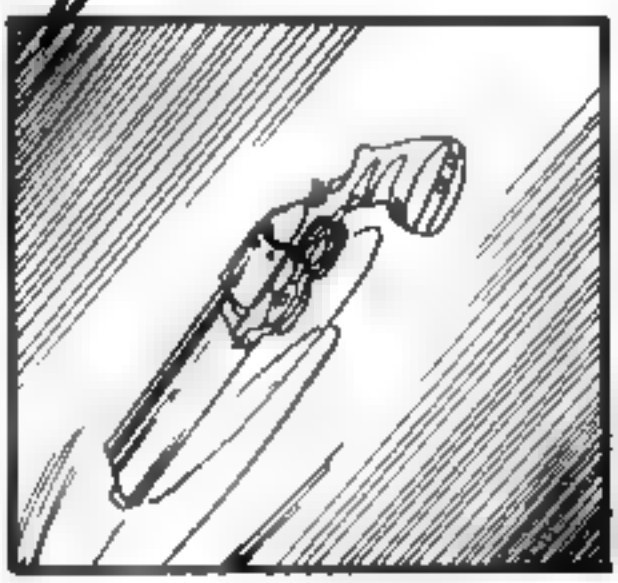
TAKE CARE OF HER.

VASH THE STAMPEDE'S MY NAME,
AND WHAT I'M THINKING IS... LOVE AND PEACE, AND NOTHING ELSE!

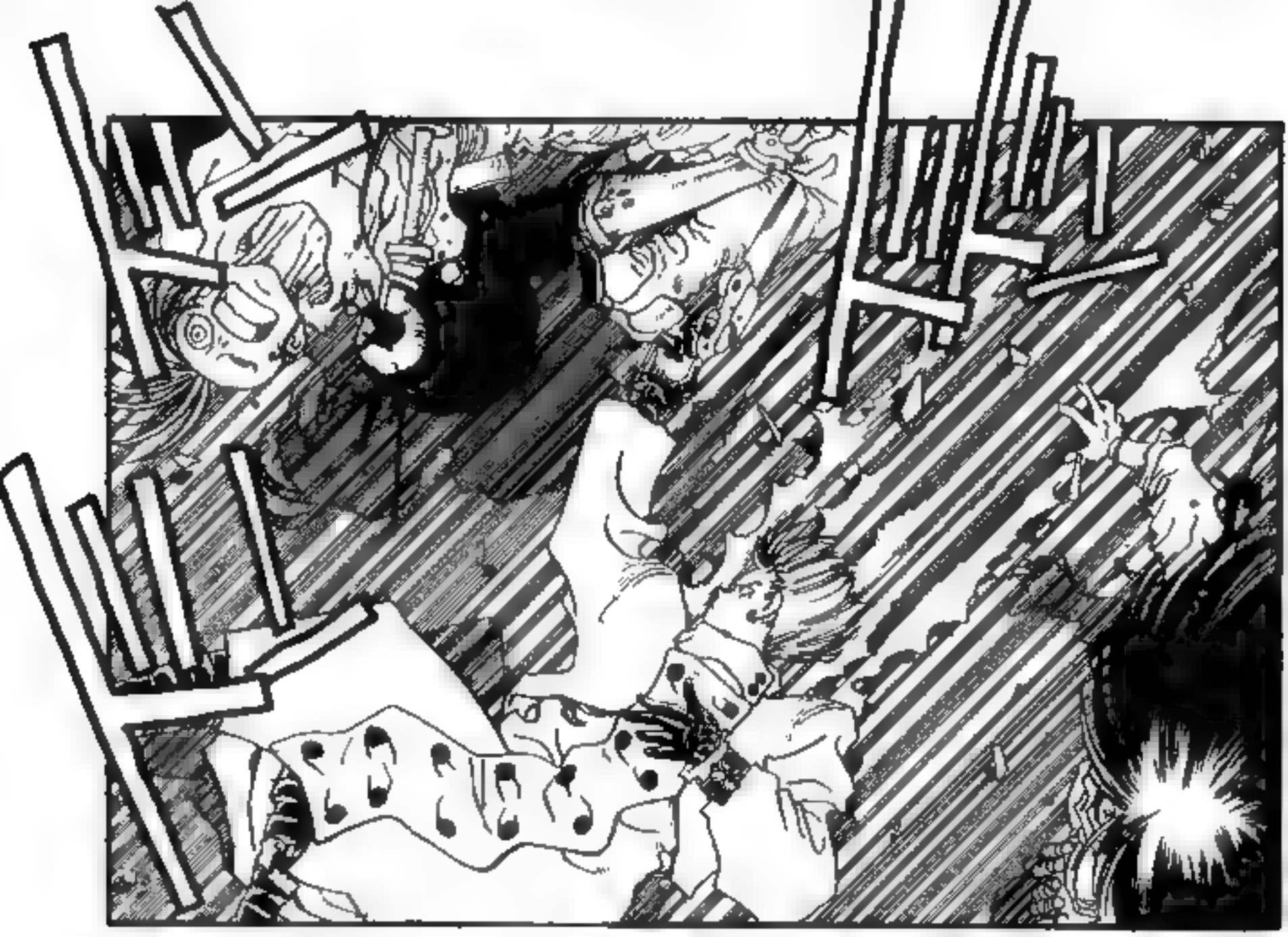
OARGH!!


YOU GUYS!
...I WON'T LET YOU DO THAT!

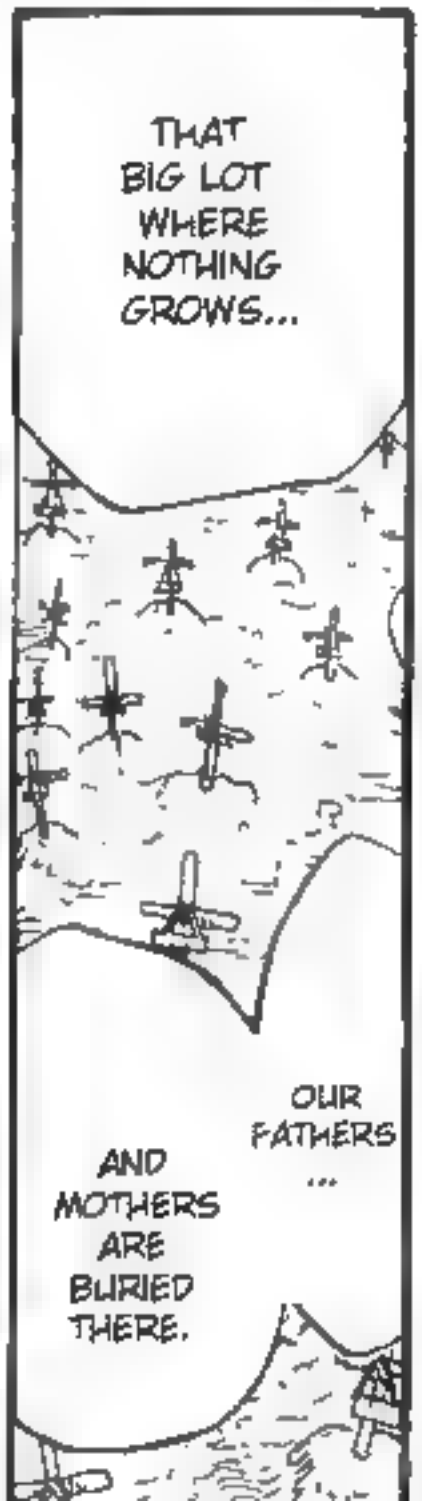
W-W-WHAT ARE THEY PLANNING?
YOU STUPID OR SOMETHIN'? THEY ONLY SAID "DON'T KILL THE GIRL," SO WHAT'S THERE TO WORRY ABOUT?
SO YOU'RE GOING TO KILL US!?



YOU DON'T NEED SUCH THINGS! LOVE IS ENOUGH!



I CAN'T REMEMBER THEM WORKING THE FIELDS ANYMORE.
IT TOOK THEM 10 YEARS TO MAKE THIS LAND FLOURISH...


THAT BIG LOT WHERE NOTHING GROWS...
OUR FATHERS ...
AND MOTHERS ARE BURIED THERE.

DON'T YOU GET IT YET, MY PAPA IS NOT GOING TO PAY YOU ANYTHING!!
YOU KNOW THE BIG CEMETERY JUST OUTSIDE TOWN...?

PHEEEEW

HE KILLED ALL THE FARMERS WITHOUT HESITATING!

LIES...

WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO FOR ME TO LIE!

BUT... 15 YEARS AGO, YOUR OLD MAN SHOWED UP...

AND STOLE THAT LAND FROM US BY FORCE!

YES...
I'M GOING TO DO THIS, OR DIE TRYING.

.....
IS THAT REALLY THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO...?

SO... WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
I WILL BURY BOSTALK THERE AS WELL!

NOW, I'LL MAKE YOU TAKE RE-SPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT YOU DID!
PRE-PARE YOUR-SELF!

WILL YOU DO IT?
I'VE NO OTHER CHOICE, I'LL HAVE TO CLEAR MY NAME.

DON'T LOOK AT THE SKY, NOW.

.....

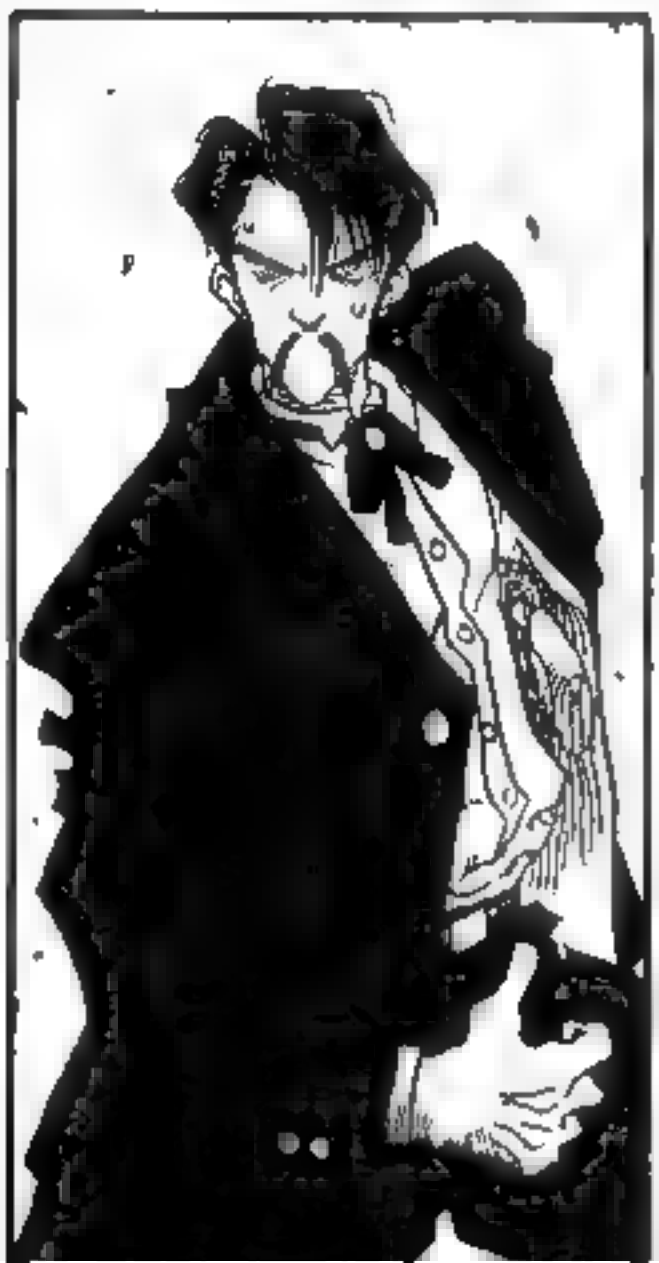
I'M VERY SORRY.

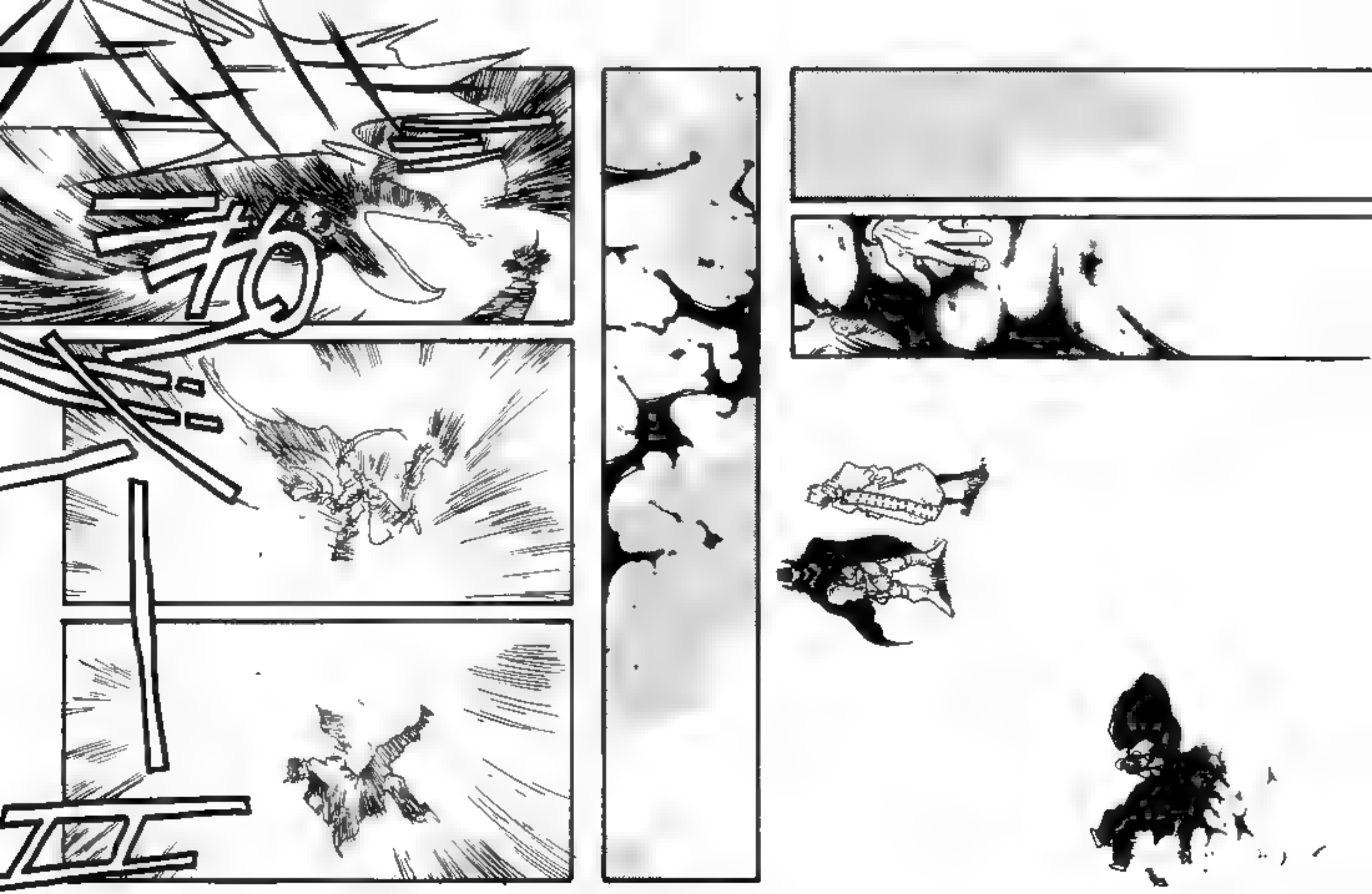
YEAH ...

WILL YOU LET HER GO NOW?

YOU MUST NOT TURN AWAY FROM THE REALITY, AND IT'S FOOLISH-NESS.

NO MATTER HOW INDULGED YOU HAVE BEEN WITH PEOPLE'S LOVE IN YOUR LIFE...





THIS GUY'S ...
CRYING FOR REAL!
NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON ...
THE DEATH OF A HUMAN BEING IS SAD.
ALL I NEED TO DO NOW IS TO SILENCE YOU, AND THE ONE WHO HOLDS THE POWER IN THIS TOWN WILL TRULY BE ME!
YOU REALLY DO SURPRISE ME...
I AM NOT GOING TO LET SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY PASS.

.....

THROW AWAY YOUR GUNS...

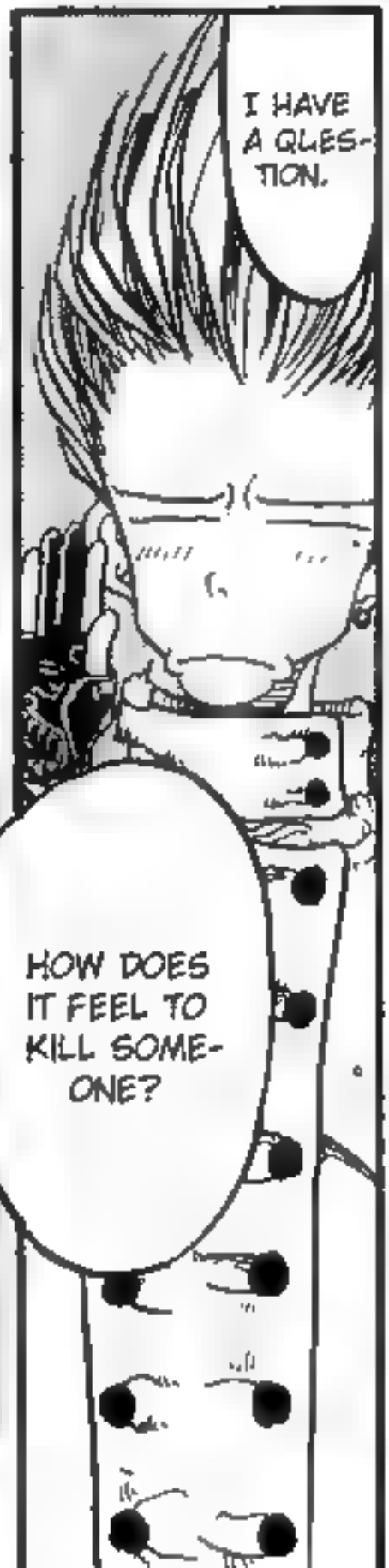
WASN'T I BEING CLEAR ENOUGH!?

I WON'T SUCCUMB TO THAT.

I SEE ...

IF THAT'S YOUR ANSWER ...

...?
WHAT RUBBISH ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU'LL BURN IN HELL FOR THAT!


I HAVE A QUES-TION.
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO KILL SOME-ONE?

THIS IS GREAT, YOU'RE ALL UN-ARMED DOGS NOW!
IT'S SO WONDER-FUL TO BE SUPERIOR TO SOME-ONE!

BLAM!!

THEIR PISTOLS DIDN'T GO OFF EVEN ONCE IN THE FIRST PLACE!?
NO...!!
I HEARD ONLY ONE GUN-SHOT ...!!
H-H-
HOW CAN YOU BE SO FAST!?
WELL, SHERIFF.
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE LOST YOUR LIFE TO AN UNARMED DOG?

YAAARGH!!

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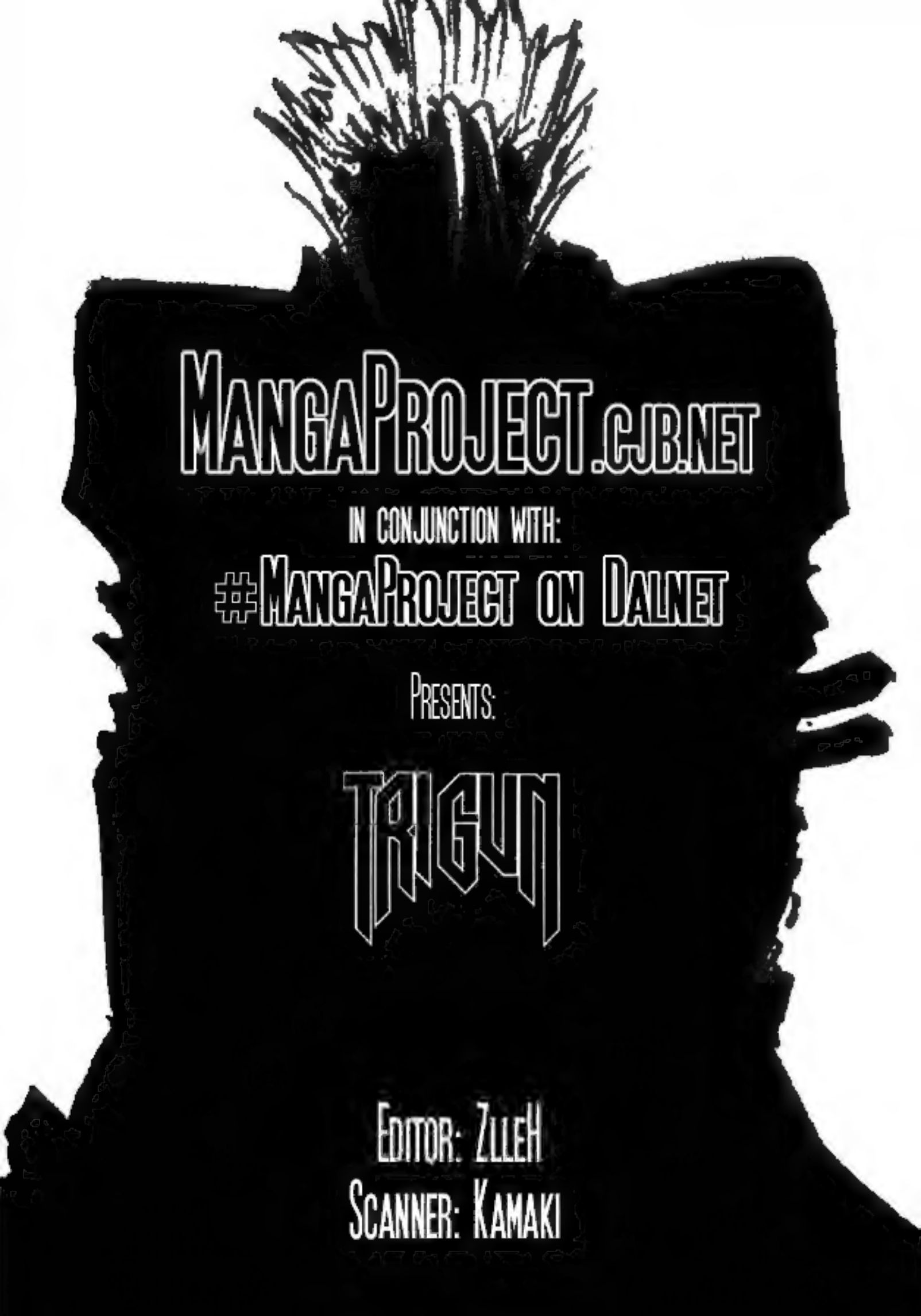
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